

I have just heard that BellSouth has filed a petition with the FCC asking them to stop regulating broadband service. If this means that BellSouth and other large phone companies - such as SBC in my area - would no longer be subject to review of their broadband pricing to independent ISPs - then I would like to say most emphatically, that it is a very bad idea.

The service and KNOWLEDGEABLE assistance that my ISP has provided over the years, so far exceeds in SCOPE and QUALITY that which has been provided by my experience with the large companies, that there really is no comparison. My experience and those of most people I know, who are dependent on the internet for a myriad of reasons, may have started out with a large phone company, but in time, without fail, migrated to an independent ISP for the above reasons.

Thank you,
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